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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS REPORT

FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A NILUFER YALCIN  
BYLINED ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN MARCH 3 MILLIYET CONCERNING  
THE TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS; BEGIN TEXT: AT THE AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTION, THE TURKISH-AMERICAN TALKS AT  
TECHNICAL LEVEL ON THE TEXT OF THE JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT  
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WERE RESUMED AT THE BEGINNING OF LAST WEEK IN PREPARATION

FOR CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WHICH WAS POSTPONED FROM 11 FEBRUARY TO 24 MARCH. THE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD BY AMBASSADOR MACOMBER AND SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG AND THE TALKS ARE CONTINUING BETWEEN THE NATO DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE MUTUAL SECURITY COUNSELOR OF THE US EMBASSY. THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE AMBASSADOR STEP IN OCCASIONALLY TO HELP IRON OUT DIFFICULTIES.

THE AIM OF THESE TALKS IS TO WORK OUT THE TEXT BEFORE CAGLAYANIGL'S US VISIT AND PREPARE IT FOR SIGNATURE BY THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS. THOUGH THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE, AMERICANS BELIEVE, IT WILL NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE.

THE MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH SIDE HAVE EXPLAINED THEIR OPINIONS ON TURKEY'S NEED FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT AND THE WAYS IN WHICH THIS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED, AND HAVE NOW LEFT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES SAY THAT AN ANNUAL DEFENSE SUPPORT SUM OF \$1000 MILLION IS ESSENTIAL AND SUGGEST A TERM OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS FOR THE AGREEMENT. THEY ALSO WANT THE AGREEMENT TO SPECIFY THE PROCEDURE AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE BASES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE TURKISH MILITARY, BECAUSE THE TALKS CONDUCTED AFTER THE 1969 AGREEMENT ON THESE MATTERS WERE INCONCLUSIVE, ALTHOUGH THEY DRAGGED ON FOR SIX YEARS. THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES INSIST THAT IF THERE ARE NOT TO BE YEARS OF INCONCLUSIVE TALKS AGAIN ON THE ANNEX PROTOCOLS REGULATING THESE POINTS, THE NEW AGREEMENT MUST BE EXPLICIT ON THESE MATTERS TOO.

THE DIPLOMATS, HOWEVER, WANT TO AVOID DETAILS IN HUNDREDS OF ARTICLES IN THE AGREEMENT AND ARE INCLINED TO FAVOUR THE SPECIFICATION OF A CERTAIN PERIOD FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ANNEX PROTOCOL. HOWEVER, IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE BASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE TEXT.

THE SUM OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES DEMAND FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT IS FAR ABOVE ANYTHING THE USA CAN AFFORD TO PAY. THE AMERICAN VIEW IS THAT TURKEY SHOULD BE GIVEN \$200-300  
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MILLION ANNUAL DEFENSE AID, THE REST TO BE MET FROM THE FMS (FOREIGN MILITARY SALES), AS WAS THE PRACTICE BEFORE.

OFFICIALS STATE THAT THE MOST CRUCIAL POINT AT THE CAGLAYANGIL/KISSINGER MEETING WILL BE THE CONDITIONS AND DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND GUARANTEE FROM CONGRESS OF FULL PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL AMOUNT. THE STRONGEST ASSURANCE FOUND HITHERTO FOR THESE ANNUAL PAYMENTS IS THE PROVISION WHICH RECOGNIZES

TURKEY'S RIGHT TO TAKE OVER THE BASES IMMEDIATELY IN THE  
EVENT OF A UNILATERAL VIOLATION BY THE CONGRESS OF THE  
AGREEMENT. END TEXT.  
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